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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sunday, September 20, 2009**

**Red Lion Colonial Hotel  
2301 Colonial Drive  
Helena, MT  
3:00 p.m.**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Executive Committee:**

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Ostlund moved and Commissioner Chilcott seconded to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee for December 4 and December 9, 2008; February 10, February 16, March 3, March 19, April 20 and September 3, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Board of Directors:**

1. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Roll Call and introductions were conducted. The attendance sheet is attached. President McGinley welcomed Valerie Brown, NACo President, Supervisor, Sonoma Co., CA.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Chilcott moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2009 Board and Joint Budget meetings. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Finance Report:** Allan Underdal, MACo Fiscal Officer reviewed the July 31, 2009 financial statements. Commissioner Underdal noted that all dues with the exception of one county are in. Director Blattie reported that the county has contacted him and is sending the dues payment this week.
4. **MACo Audit Report:** Tom Swindle, MACo Finance Officer reviewed the audited financial statements report from JCCS for the period ending June 30, 2008. Director Blattie commented that the increase in net worth is due to higher than anticipated revenues and unspent budget authority. Commissioner Brooker moved and Commissioner Ostlund seconded to accept the audit. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Nominating Committee:** Commissioner Chilcott moved and Commissioner Ostlund seconded for the Board of Directors to resolve into a committee of the whole. President McGinley reviewed the nominations and informed the Board that Commissioner Chilcott has withdrawn as a candidate for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Nominees were offered an opportunity to speak. Connie Eissinger, McCone County; and Andy Hunthausen, Lewis and Clark County addressed the Board regarding their candidacies for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. Cynthia Johnson, Pondera County, addressed the Board regarding her candidacy as Fiscal Officer.

President McGinley and the Board thanked Toole County Commissioner Alan Underdal for his service as Fiscal Officer for the past six years, adding he has done a remarkable job.

Commissioner Seilstad moved and Commissioner Tempel seconded to present the nominations to the membership. Motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Davey seconded to adjourn the committee of the whole. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **2010 WIR Conference Sponsorship:** John Ostlund, Yellowstone County spoke on behalf of Bill Kennedy regarding the 2010 WIR conference being held in Billings. Yellowstone County requested that the money in the MACo WIR Conference restricted account be transferred to Yellowstone County for the expenses of hosting the conference. Yellowstone County was also requesting the MACo Board of Directors contribute a \$5,000 grant to help cover expenses.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Brooker seconded to transfer the remaining balance of the MACo WIR Conference restricted funds to Yellowstone County.

Discussion was held regarding clarification as to how the funds were handled when Yellowstone County sponsored the WIR conference in 2002, and the WIR retreat that MACo will sponsor, as Mike Murray, Lewis and Clark County will be President of WIR and other MACo responsibilities both fiscally and staff involvement.

Commissioner Johnson submitted a sub-motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Brooker, to postpone the decision until the Thursday, September 24, 2009 meeting to obtain more information. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Annual Performance Evaluation:** Director Blattie reviewed the results of the member survey, noting that responses were down from previous years. Commissioner Johnson noted the benefit of education and reminders being sent out. Director Blattie stated that comments are taken seriously and will be reviewed. Additionally, it is clear that some of the other elected officials may not have a good understanding of our services, as they responded with no opinion or skipped the question. Discussion was held regarding the online publishing of the directory. Director Blattie reported that the directory sales are a significant revenue source for the Association that would be lost if it were published online.
8. **NACo Committee Member Funding:** Director Blattie explained the budgeting process for NACo Board and Committee members, and the sponsorships and reimbursements from other agencies/counties. Director Blattie and Fiscal Officer Underdal met with the Secretary of State, who informed them that due to serious budget problems, their office could no longer fund the position. The travel was included in the approved budget. Following discussion and review of the NACo travel policy, Commissioner Ostlund moved and Commissioner Davey seconded to and to grant the MACo President the authority to manage the budgeted funds for NACo travel, which includes \$5,000 for Commissioner Underdal.
9. **2011 Convention Bids:** Executive Director Blattie reported that at this point, Gallatin County is the only county to submit a bid for the 2011 Convention.

10. **Legislative/Interim Committee Update:** Harold Blattie, MACo Executive Director reported that the Education and Local Government Committee has appointed a stakeholders group to review school budgeting dates. Also, Revenue & Transportation will be discussing the movement of large equipment, as well as receiving a valuations report on the reappraisal and mitigation. It was requested that time be made during a general session of the conference for the Department of Revenue to report.

Associate Director Wood reported that the Law and Justice Interim Committee is studying DUI laws, the retention of DNA and biological evidence, animal hoarding and the placement of sex offenders in communities.

11. **Correctional Risk Services Inmate Medical Programs:** Associate Director Wood thanked CRS for sponsoring the Board meeting, and reported that all of the contracts and agreements have been finalized and packets are available at the CRS booth for counties to enroll.
12. **QCI Investments:** Director Blattie introduced Paul Roland, from QCI. Director Blattie informed the Board that they would be asked on Thursday to authorize the establishment of a QCI account to transfer cash into, as it would receive a better rate of return than is being generated from the repurchase account at the bank.
13. **2010 WIR Conference Sponsorship:** Yellowstone County Commissioner Bill Kennedy joined the meeting and provided an overview of the schedule for the 2010 WIR conference. He informed the Board that NACo would be adding \$5 per night to the hotel rooms and that fee would help fund the conference. Following additional discussion regarding the cost of the Board retreat and MACo staff involvement, Commissioner Dunbar moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to allocate the money in the MACo WIR Conference account to Yellowstone County for costs of hosting the 2010 WIR Conference. Yellowstone County will submit invoices to MACo for reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kennedy requested a conference sponsorship of \$5,000 from MACo. Commissioner Rehbein moved and Commissioner Brooker seconded to authorize a \$5,000 sponsorship to the 2010 WIR conference.

Commissioner Kennedy requested authorization to use MACo's name and logo for marketing. Commissioner Hunthausen moved and Commissioner Reiger seconded to authorize Yellowstone County to use MACo's name and logo in marketing materials for the 2010 WIR conference. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 14. Other Business

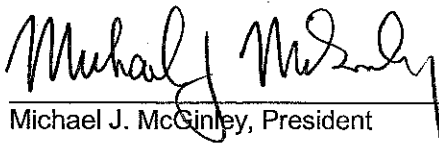
- a. **Open Invoices:** MACo Finance Officer Tom Swindle presented a list of open invoices in the MACo accounting system. He noted a number of them may have been cleared, but there is no way to identify them. He requested authority to clear all open invoices from the accounting system. Commissioner Rehbein moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded to authorize the MACo Finance Officer to clear outstanding invoices. Motion carried unanimously.
- b. **Resolution:** Director Blattie informed the Board that a resolution had been received regarding Grazing on the Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge. Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Chilcott seconded to suspend the rules to allow introduction and discussion of a late resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Blattie explained that this was a resolution brought forth by Phillips County on behalf of the affected counties. The intent is to help those counties with negotiations on the regulations being proposed. Following discussion regarding possible amendments, Commissioner Rehbein moved and Commissioner Rice seconded to approve acceptance of the resolution and to submit to Public Lands Committee for amendment and presentation to the membership. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. **President's Scholarship:** President McGinley read a thank you letter from scholarship recipient Carter Marsh.
- d. **Health Care Trust (HCT) Board of Trustees Appointment:** Director Blattie explained that the HCT membership will be considering by-law changes regarding the structure of the HCT Board of Trustees. Dependent upon approval of the By-Law changes, and the outcome of the MACo officer elections, the MACo Board may need to appoint a Board member to the HCT Board of Trustees at the Thursday, September 24 meeting.
- e. **NACo County Leadership Institute:** Commissioner Chilcott thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the 2009 County Leadership Institute and urged Board members to consider attending future sessions.
- f. **Outgoing Board Members:** President McGinley thanked outgoing Board members for their service and urged them to stay involved with the Association.
- g. **Golf tournament:** Commissioner Hunthausen asked the Board to join him in thanking Stillwater County Commissioner Maureen Davey in coordinating the golf tournament.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of February, 2010.

  
Michael J. McGinley, President

  
L. Harold Blattie, Secretary

## MEMBERS

### Officers

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mike McGinley, President                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bernie Lucas, District #9   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carl Seilstad, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carol Brooker, District #10 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Ostlund, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President  | <input type="checkbox"/> Carlotta Grandstaff, District #11      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allan Underdal, Fiscal Officer                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Rice, District #12      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Chilcott, Urban Representative           |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia Johnson, Past President               |   |

### District Chairs/Representatives

- ☒ Richard Dunbar, District #1
- ☒ Mark Rehbein, District #2
- ☒ Donald Reiger, District #3
- ☒ Russ Tempel, District #4
- ☒ Arnie Gettel, District #5
- ☒ Leslie Burroughs, District #6
- ☒ Maureen Davey, District #7
- ☒ Andy Hunthausen, District #8

### Association Representatives

- ☒ Leo Gallagher, County Attorneys
- ☒ Paulette Dehart, Clerk and Recorders
- ☐ Marilyn Craft, Clerks of Court
- ☐ Steve Immenschuh, Coroners
- ☒ Gary A. Olsen, Magistrates
- ☒ T. Gregory Hintz,  
Sheriff & Peace Officers
- ☐ Kevin Larkin, Treasurers
- ☒ Diane Inbody,  
School Superintendents

Others present: Harold Blattie, MACo Associate Director; Sheryl Wood, MACo Associate Director; Tom Swindle, MACo Finance Officer; Mike Sehestedt, MACo Chief Counsel; Connie Eissinger, McCone County Commissioner; Valerie Brown, NACo President, Sonoma Co. CA Supervisor.